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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRIS)

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH NORTH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION

REF: STATE 18941

1. I ASKED FAHMY THIS MORNING IF GOE HAS ANY OBJECTION TO OUR CONVENING NORTH AFRICAN AMBASSADORS/CHARGES IN CAIRO FOR A MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING LATTER'S UPCOMING VISIT. FAHMY GRUMBLED THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CAIRO IS ALREADY TOO SHORT FOR A DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND A NORTH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING HERE WILL FURTHER CUT INTO THE LIMITED TIME. I REMINDED HIM THAT THE SECRETARY IS NOT VISITING NORTH AFRICAN AND THAT CAIRO IS, THEREFORE, THE MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION ON THE SECRETARY'S ITINERARY

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FOR SUCH A MEETING. FAHMY THEN SAID THAT IF THIS IS THE SECRETARY'S WISH, GOE HAS NO OBJECTION.

2. WE WILL MAKE REQUESTED HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORTH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION. MEETING CAN BE HELD IN EMBASSY CHANCERY CONFERENCE ROOM. GIVEN THE SHORT TIME THE SECRETARY WILL BE HERE, WE OFFER

FOLLOWING TWO OPTIONS FOR THE SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION:

(A) APPROXIMATELY 1700, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 (I.E., IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURN FROM SADAT'S HOME AT THE BARRAGES. SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF MEETING LASTS HOUR AND HALF, IT WILL END ONLY ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SCHEDULED 1900 CALL ON FAHMY.) (B) BREAKFAST AT 0730 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, JUST BEFORE SECRETARY MUST DEPART FOR AIRPORT. PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY'S WISHES.

3. FOR NORTH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY CAIRO ASAP YOUR ARRIVAL PLANS. EMBASSY OFFICER AND EXPEDITOR WILL MEET YOU ON ARRIVAL.

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